

Goodwin Elementary Announcements & Events

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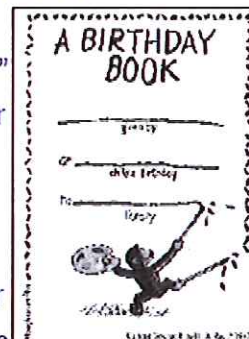
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Mansfield School Libraries
Birthday Book Buddies

2015



Birthdays are always special to a child. What better way to celebrate the special occasion than donate a book to your library in honor of the birthday child and arrange for a small gift for your students in your child's classroom? Instead of the entire focus of a child's birthday being on sugar-filled cupcakes, the "Birthday Book Buddies" program gives you the chance to make a lasting gift to your school library in a child's name. Children with summer birthdays may choose to celebrate on their half-birthday.



For a donation of \$15, participants may choose a hardcover book from a selection of newly ordered books. We will place a bookplate commemorating the child's birthday and acknowledging the donor inside the book. In addition, the birthday boy/girl will have their picture taken with their book and displayed in the school. They will also be given the opportunity to be the first to borrow the book.



In honor of this special day, your child's classroom will be treated to a small gift basket from an assortment of items. Gifts might include cool bookmarks, unique erasers, special pens, unusual pencils, fun notepads, or other small items and will vary throughout the year.

Are you a *Birthday Book Buddy*? Support your school library, encourage healthy eating habits, and celebrate a special day all in one program. Last year we had great participation in this program—let's see if we can have even more *Birthday Book Buddies* than we had during the last school year

Contact your school library staff to make arrangements to participate in this program (please make checks payable to the Mansfield Public Schools) or email Mrs. Emily Tinnel (Shared Librarian) TinnelEW@MansfieldCT.org

Classes Starting Soon! It's enrollment time!

Does your child love to sing?

Try one of these:

- I am a Music Maker (Ages 3-5)
- UConn Primary Children's Choir (Grade K-2)
- Little Folk's Theater (Ages 5-8)
- UConn Children's Choir (Grade 3-6)
- UConn Children and Acting—Oh my! (Ages 9-12)
- Charades, Role Playing and Acting—all ages
- Winterium—a musical gala (all ages)

Does your child love art?

Try one of these:

- I am an Artist! (ages 3-5)
- All Things Art I or Adventures in Art (ages 5-7)
- All Things Art II (Ages 8-10)
- Fun with Clay (Ages 6-12)

Classes for Teens and Pre-teens:

- Fundamentals of Music Theory
- American Song Book (Grades 7-9)
- Creative Writing: Fiction Workshop (Ages 12-17)
- Wheelwork for Teens
- Handbuilding and Surface Design
- Drawing & 2-D Media (ages 9-14)
- Richards Chamber Ensembles

Details and additional program information

can be found in the Mansfield Parks and Recreation Brochure under "Community School of the Arts" or by visiting <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/content/1914/2861/6116/default.aspx>

Classes start as early as January 13th.

Attention Chaplin, Coventry & Mansfield residents

UConn

PEOPLE EMPOWERING PEOPLE

Coventry, Mansfield and Chaplin are pleased to offer the UConn People Empowering People (PEP) class this winter!

What is UCONN PEP? The UCONN People Empowering People (PEP) Program is a parent leadership program. UCONN PEP is designed to build on the unique strengths and life experiences of participants and emphasize the connection between individual and community action.

How does UCONN PEP work? UCONN PEP participants attend ten weekly two-hour sessions focused on values, communication skills, problem solving skills, parenting skills, leadership skills, action planning and community opportunity. Participants then participate in a project to benefit their community.

Who conducts UCONN PEP? The facilitators will be Kathleen Krider and Jeff Smithson (to learn more about them, visit www.coventrysteps.com).

- ✧ **Do you want to learn more about your community?**
- ✧ **Do you want to advocate for young children & their families?**
- ✧ **Do you want to meet new people and get involved?**

READ ON!!

UConn PEP classes **will begin in January** and will be held at the Mansfield Discovery Depot on Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:00 pm. Dinner will be available at 5:30-6 pm and childcare will be available. There is no cost to participate in this exciting opportunity, as Coventry STEPS secured grant funding for this program

**Visit www.coventrysteps.com for more information:
coventrysteps@yahoo.com
or call 860-377-5203.**

Explore the Power of Play

With *Jeff Smithson* of

**Play is the
language of children.
How fluent are you?**



Join us for the second year of. . .

Parent PoP

Saturday, January 17, 10am – 12pm

Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library

Designed to show parents how to use movement and body language to rediscover their innate creativity and better express themselves.

Childcare provided!

Register at the library, or contact:

Judy Stoughton
StoughtonJ@MansfieldCT.org or
Sara Anderson
AndersonSD@MansfieldCT.org

Kid PoP

Friday, January 23, 6-7pm

Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library

Designed to take children and adults on an active, inquisitive journey of physicality and fun that uses the power of play to broaden their spectrum of communication.

No registration required!

Questions? Contact:

Judy Stoughton
StoughtonJ@MansfieldCT.org or
Sara Anderson
AndersonSD@MansfieldCT.org

Jeff has delivered the Power of Play to a wide variety of people in many different circumstances. From corporate executives to kids with chronic illness, play has proven an effective tool in connecting people with themselves and each other.

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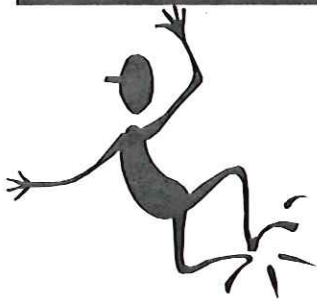
**Mansfield
Public
Library**





Mansfield Community Center
Family, Fitness & Fun

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT



KIDS' NIGHT OUT



Drop off your children (grades K-5) at the Community Center on any of these Saturday nights (3:30-7:30pm) for an evening of supervised fun with games, arts & crafts, and an age appropriate movie. A pizza dinner is served along with beverages and popcorn for the movie!

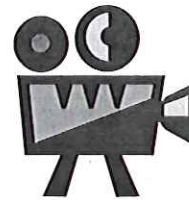
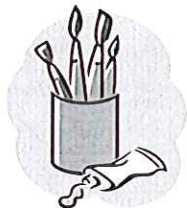
SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER EARLY!

Sat. Jan 17, 3:30-7:30 p.m. (390011-A)

Sat. Feb 7, 3:30-7:30 p.m. (390011-B)

Sat. Mar 21, 3:30-7:30 p.m. (390011-C)

Sat. Apr 25, 3:30-7:30 p.m. (490011-A)



Call 860-429-3015 with any questions.

\$20 per child for residents per night/\$40 max per family

\$30 non-residents/\$60 max per family



The Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department is proud to present:

The Father-Daughter

Valentine's Dance

Friday, February 6, 2015

7-9p.m.

UCONN'S Rome Ballroom

Fathers (or father figures) and their daughters (all ages) won't want to miss this special evening where lasting memories will be made.

Fathers \$25(resident) \$35(non-resident) before Feb. 6
or \$35(resident) \$45(non-resident) on Feb. 6, including at the door.

Daughters are free.

Refreshments and snacks will be served. Photos will be taken and posted online.

This semi-formal event is an opportunity for you to spend an evening of dancing and fun with that special girl or girls in your life.



Register in Person: Come into the Mansfield Community Center

Register by Mail: Fill out the form and send along with payment in full to Mansfield Parks and Recreation, 10 S. Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06268. *Make checks payable to The Town of Mansfield.*

Register on line at www.Mansfieldcc.com and click on the online registration.

Father's Name _____ Phone _____

Daughter's Name(s) _____

Address _____

Code Number 390214-A

I hereby agree to release, discharge and hold harmless, the Town of Mansfield, its employees and volunteers from any liabilities which may occur while participating in the Valentine's Dance. I understand that participation in any recreational or sport activity involves risk. I further understand that the Town of Mansfield does not provide insurance for program participants.

Signature _____

Date _____